

Three Cases of Child Sexual Assault Result In Prison Sentences

Murder, firearm cases also resolved

A Superior Court judge sentenced Kevin Robinson, 24, of New Castle, to 20 years in prison for raping a child. Investigators believed that in the summer of 2017, Robinson forced the child to perform oral sex on him approximately 8 times. In May 2018, Deputy Attorney General Diana Dunn secured a guilty plea to Rape Second Degree. The judge sentenced Robinson to 20 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 2 years of probation. Robinson must also register as a Tier III sex offender. Deputy Attorney General Jan van Amerongen secured the sentence.

A 54-year-old Townsend man received a 12-year prison sentence for his May 2018 guilty plea to 3 counts Sexual Exploitation of a Child and 3 counts of Dealing in Child Pornography. Deputy Attorney General Periann Doko secured the sentence for Stephen Forbes. Beginning in 2014 and over the course of almost 4 years, Forbes took nude photos of an underage girl. When arrested in October 2017, Forbes also had pictures of other underage children engaged in sexual activity. A Superior Court judge sentenced Forbes to 12 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 4 years of probation. Forbes must also register as a Tier III sex offender. Detectives Austin Jenkins and Detective Darryl Santry of the New Castle County Police Department served as lead investigators on this case.

A 35-year-old man already registered as a Tier III sex offender, was sentenced to 5 years in prison on new charges. Deputy Attorney General Rebecca Anderson secured a guilty plea

from Benjamin Willis of Laurel, to 2 counts of Sex Offender Unlawful Sexual Contact Against a Child. In the summer of 2016, Willis had inappropriate sexual relations with a child. A Superior Court judge accepted the plea and immediately sentenced Willis to 5 years in prison, followed by 3 years of probation. DOJ victim advocate Carla Ennals assisted with the case.

A 26-year old New Castle man will spend the rest of his life in prison when sentenced for his conviction for a 2017 murder outside of a dance club in Bear. A Superior Court jury found Elder Saavedra guilty of Murder First Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony in the death of 23-year-old Lester Mateo of Penns Grove, NJ. In March 2017, after getting into a fight with friends of Mateo inside of the El Nuevo Rodeo, Saavedra, who had been escorted out of the club, took the SUV Mateo had just parked, chased him down and struck Mateo with the vehicle, killing him. A Superior Court judge will sentence Saavedra in 2019.

Deputy Attorneys General Alicia Porter and Dennis Kelleher secured a guilty verdict against a Dover man for illegally having a gun. A Superior Court jury convicted Cameron Norwood, 29, of Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited and Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited. In September 2017, state troopers located Norwood, wanted for a violation of probation, at the Best Western Hotel in the 1700 block of Lebanon Road in Dover. While executing a search warrant, Troopers found a loaded 9mm handgun in the glove compartment of Norwood's car. Norwood, barred from having a gun because of previous felony convictions on robbery and weapons charges, faces a minimum of 15 years in prison when sentenced by a Superior Court judge in November. DOJ administrative specialist Samantha Huey assisted with the prosecution.